

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 8 (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A system for tracking file storage on a peer-to-peer file-sharing network comprising:

a computer coupled to the peer-to-peer file sharing network;

a database to store information about files available on the peer-to-peer file-sharing network coupled to the computer;

the computer comprising:

a query device adapted to request a list of all shared files from each of a plurality of computers connected to the peer-to-peer file sharing network; and

a transfer device adapted to ~~intercept~~ receive the list of all shared files from each computer of the plurality of computers and automatically copy and store the list of all shared files in the database, thereby tracking file storage on the peer-to-peer file-sharing network.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising an inventory preparation server coupled to the database.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, further comprising an archiving system coupled to the database, the archiving system to store at least one copy of the plurality of lists.

12. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising an inventory processing server coupled to the database.

13. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising a report preparation server coupled to the database.

14. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising an inventory preparation server coupled to the database, an inventory processing server coupled to the inventory preparation server, and a report preparation server coupled to the inventory processing server.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, the computer further comprising ~~an interception~~ a reception device adapted to make a copy of a plurality of search requests from the network.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, the computer further comprising a second transfer device adapted to transfer the plurality of search requests from the computer to the database.

Claims 17-23 (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) A method of tracking file storage on a peer-to-peer file-sharing network comprising:

coupling a computer to a database, the database to store lists of shared files available from peer computers on the peer-to-peer file-sharing network;
coupling the computer to the peer-to-peer file-sharing network;
locating a plurality of computers connected to the peer-to-peer file-sharing ~~or~~ network by IP address;
requesting a listing of an entire library of shared files from each of said plurality of computers connected to the peer-to-peer file-sharing network;
receiving the listing of the entire library of shared files from ~~the computer~~ each of said plurality of computers; and
automatically storing the received listing in the database, thereby tracking file storage on the peer-to-peer file-sharing network.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, further comprising adding source information to each of the received listings.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the source information comprises the geographic location of a computer where the library of shared files is stored.

27. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising intercepting a plurality of search requests on the network, where said plurality of search requests come to said computer; and copying said plurality of search requests.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising transferring the plurality of search requests from the computer to the database.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, further comprising generating at least one report including data from a plurality of the received listings.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further comprising generating at least one report including data from a plurality of the received listings and a plurality of search requests.

Claims 31-43 (Canceled).